(e) and (f) The Ministry of External Affairs have taken up the matter with His Majesty's Government of Nepal. Both the sides have expressed determination to take urgent necessary steps to prevent the misuse of Nepalese territory directed against India. Assam Saboor, Assistant UDC in the Pakistani Embassy in Kathmandu was caught on January 2, 2000 while trying to sell counterfeit Indian currency notes. On January 5, 2000 he was asked by the Government of Nepal to leave the country within 72 hours on account of "his involvement in an activity incompatible with his status". There have been other reports of arrests of Pakistani nationals in cases relating to circulation of fake currency in Nepal, which are being investigated by the concerned authorities in HMGN.

Arming Delhi Police to retaliate attack by criminals

3501. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police cops in Delhi are not able to effectively retaliate attack on them by criminals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to arm the police cops well to face any such eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken to prevent occurrence of incidents of attack on Delhi Police Personnel include patrolling in groups of more than two police personnel; use of bullet proof jackets and suitable weapons while on raids and during search operations of dangerous criminals; deployment of armed personnel during regular patrols and investigation of sensitive cases; and imparting of training to the police personnel in the modern methods of frisking and searching of criminals.